

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of wrapping a plant, comprising:
providing a growing medium and a botanical item;
providing a tubular sleeve comprising:
a lower portion having an upper end, a lower end, an inner peripheral surface, and an outer peripheral surface ~~and having a tapered shape~~, the lower portion having a flattened state and being openable from the flattened state to an opened position wherein the inner peripheral surface of the lower portion defines and encompasses an inner retaining space, an opening being formed through the upper end of the lower portion, the opening being in communication with the inner retaining space, the lower end of the lower portion end having a gusset therein for forming a closed flattened bottom in the lower portion when the lower portion is in the opened position, and the lower portion ~~comprising~~ having a base portion, having a

~~tapered portion~~ and a decorative skirt portion ~~in the upper end thereof~~ extending from the base portion;
opening the lower portion into the opened position thereby
exposing the inner retaining space of the lower portion; and
disposing the growing medium and botanical item in the inner
retaining space of the lower portion of the tubular sleeve
without a pot, the decorative skirt portion extending from the
base portion.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mils.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 1 mil to about 5 mils.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing a tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymer film, non-polymer film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations or combinations thereof.